

# Village Spokesman

Village of La Grange  
53 South La Grange Road  
La Grange, IL 60525



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**Electric Aggregation Update** — After a methodical program development and bidding process, the Village selected FirstEnergy Solutions to provide eligible residents and small business customers with electricity supply savings. The FirstEnergy Solutions rate of 4.86 cents per kWh reflects a current 24.3% savings as compared to ComEd's tariff rate of 6.42 cents per kWh.

Residents participating in the Village's electric aggregation program have received a letter from Com Ed confirming their enrollment. Residents that already have an alternative supplier have the option of "opting into" the Village's program at any time. However, residents with alternative providers should check their contracts to confirm whether or not any fees will be assessed for switching. In contrast, no change fees will be assessed through the Village's program.

To enroll in the Village's program, please call FirstEnergy Solutions at 1-888-651-5200. The Village also offers a 100% Renewable Energy Option for an additional .03 cents per kWh (rate increases from 4.869 cents per kWh to 4.899 cents per kWh). To enroll in this program, please visit [www.fes.com/LaGrange](http://www.fes.com/LaGrange).

For more information, please visit [www.villageoflagrange.com/electricaggregation](http://www.villageoflagrange.com/electricaggregation) or call 708-579-2315.



**Sidewalk Art Exhibit - "Fun & Games in La Grange"** — outdoor art exhibit of bag toss board games are on display from June to Labor Day throughout the Village's business districts. The bag toss boards will be auctioned for charity from the front lawn of the Village Hall on Friday, September 6. For additional information, please visit the La Grange Business Association's website at [www.lgba.com](http://www.lgba.com).

**39th Annual Downtown La Grange Art & Craft Fair** — Saturday, July 13 from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Sunday, July 14 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The fair runs along La Grange Road from Cossitt Avenue to Burlington and west on Harris Avenue to Ashland Avenue.

**"Night of Art and Jazz"** — Friday, September 13 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Night of Art & Jazz kicks off the West End Art Festival featuring live jazz music and an Artist Review and Sale.



**West End Art Festival** — Now in its 18<sup>th</sup> year, the West End Art Festival will be held Saturday, September 14 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, September 15 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Presented by the La Grange Business Association, in cooperation with the Village of La Grange, the festival is located in front of the Stone Avenue Station along Burlington Avenue between Brainard and Spring Avenues. The festival will showcase paintings, acrylics, sculptures, woodworking, photography, jewelry, watercolor, acrylic, oil, glass, drawings, and mixed media creations of jury-selected artists from around the country. Other highlights include live music, food from local La Grange restaurants and children's art activities. Don't miss this unique and relaxing weekend festival.

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**Allied Waste Cart Program** — During the past year, the number of refuse cart subscribers has doubled as a result of enhanced options under the optional “twin toter” program. Refuse cart subscribers now receive a 65-gallon wheeled and lidded recycling cart at no additional cost as part of their service plan. Both a 65-gallon refuse cart (holds the equivalent of two standard garbage cans) and 95-gallon refuse cart (holds the equivalent of three standard garbage cans) are offered.

Monthly subscription costs for carts are less than purchasing the equivalent amount of stickers for garbage cans. Depending on the number of stickers normally purchased, customers can save hundreds of dollars per year by switching to carts.

For example, at current prices (\$18.90 per month for the 65-gallon cart and \$25.50 per month for the 95-gallon cart), the cost of subscribing to the 65-gallon cart is less than the cost of purchasing one refuse sticker each week (\$4.40 each sticker x 4.33 weeks = \$19.06 per month). Under the 95-gallon refuse cart option, the subscription is the equivalent to purchasing about one and one-third stickers per week. The 65-gallon recycling cart is included in the monthly subscription price for both options.

The new recycling cart can hold the equivalent of three to four recycling bins and does not require sorting. Sturdy wheels make carts easy to move with a hinged lid keeping material in on windy days and pests out.

For more information regarding enrolling in the “twin toter” program, please call Allied (Republic) Waste at 708-345-7050 or visit [www.republicil.com/LG](http://www.republicil.com/LG).

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